



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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OHSAA Covid-19 Update Page: Our organization has created a page where all 'Administrator Update' communications can be found, along with return to play guidance, and a record of them will live. Additionally, there are resources that may also be helpful. <https://www.ohsaa.org/Home/OHSAA-COVID-19-Correspondance>

Planning for Scrimmages & Games- Currently, this is what is being used for the fall with the current ODH Order:

Many questions have started trickling in regarding upcoming scrimmages and games. Multi-team competitions seem extremely unlikely for the entire season. Please see the Q&A's below. Again, these are the CURRENT answers that have been used for the fall.

Q: What is the Regulation for Teams Playing Multiple Opponents on the Same Day?

A: Teams are limited to playing one opponent in a single day. This includes all levels. For example, School A has JV and Varsity games against School B. A player from School A could play in both the JV and Varsity games since they are playing School B in both games.

Q: Using the same scenario as above, can school A host School B in JV and Varsity Games on the same day and can School A's Freshmen Host School C earlier if the gym is cleared before that game?

A: This would be permitted ONLY if School A's freshman team and School C's freshman team exit the facility and the facility is disinfected before both School A's and School B's JV and Varsity teams arrive for their games. In addition, no freshman from School A who played in the freshman game against School C can play in either the JV or varsity games against School B.

Q: Using the same scenario as the first question, can school A host School B in JV and Varsity games on the same day and can School A's Freshmen host School C at the same time that the JV or Varsity game is taking place in an Auxiliary Gym?

A: This would likely be very difficult to do. The only way this would be permitted is if School A's freshman team and School C's freshman team, plus spectators, administrators and game-day staff, were completely isolated from School A's and School B's JV and varsity teams. So as the JV and/or varsity games are going on, the freshmen (plus spectators, administrators and game-day staff) could not use the same entrance, enter both gymnasiums and School A's varsity, JV and freshmen could not share the same locker room. Plus, no freshman competing for School A in either the JV or varsity games could go to the auxiliary gym and also participate in the freshman game against School C. *Please remember that the reasoning is to limit exposure.*

3v3 Reminder:

Participation in '3 on 3' tournaments/contests will be limited to the 50% rule (the same as other non-scholastic teams).

Divisional Breakdowns - 2020-21 School Year

<https://ohsaa.org/School-Resources/Divisional-Breakdowns-2020-21-School-Year#745412-girls-basketball>

2020-21 Divisional Assignments

Boys: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Boys/Boys-Basketball-2020-21>

Girls: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Girls/Girls-Basketball-2020-21>

General Sport Regulation Change:

I will continue to 'copy/paste' in ALL communications leading up to the season, as I DO NOT want anyone being surprised by this change.

- Any student or coach ejected from a contest for fighting will now be ineligible for **4 games** (rather than the previous penalty of 2 games). Fighting is defined by the NFHS as any attempt by a player or non-player to strike or engage an opponent in a combative manner unrelated to basketball. Such acts include, but are not limited to, attempts to strike an opponent(s) with the arm(s), hand(s), leg(s) or foot (feet).